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For: Tuned Helmholtz Resonator Using Cavity Forcing

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 17, 2003 (Paper No. 14).

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-12, and 14-20 are presently pending in the application. All claims are rejected under §103 over Geddes in view of Brackett.

With respect to claim 8, on page 2 of the Examiner's Office Action the Examiner argues that Geddes teaches an induction noise attenuation system comprising a portion of an air induction system. This is inaccurate and not supported by Geddes. Geddes does not teach an air induction system, but rather, active noise cancellation for an exhaust of a vehicle. As a result, not only does Geddes fail to disclose the passageway arranged between the intake manifold and throttle body, as acknowledged by the Examiner, but also Geddes fails to disclose an induction noise attenuation system.

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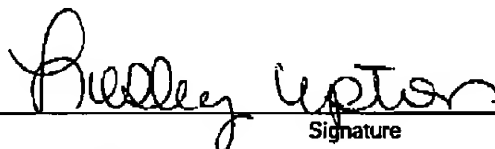
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